Duration of Kailash Mansarovar pilgrimage

†3031. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the persisting demand being raised by the people with regard to increase the duration of Kailash Mansarovar pilgrimage;

(b) if so, whether Government have discussed the matter with China in this regard;

(c) if so, whether China is agree to increase the duration of pilgrimage; and

(d) if not, the reasons for disagreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

More nuclear tests by India

3032. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain experts have suggested to Government that India should go for more nuclear tests to match with United States; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Government stands by its unilateral moratorium on further nuclear explosive tests. India is not engaged in arms competition with any country.

News feature on Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam

3033. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether BBC had made a news feature on Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam;

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